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Ex Parte

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 3, 2005, Robert Sachs (President and CEO, NCTA), Diane Burstein (Deputy General Counsel) and Justin Lilly (on behalf of NCTA) met with Commissioner Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohigian. During that meeting, consistent with our written comments in the above-captioned proceeding, NCTA urged the Commission to reaffirm its decision that cable operators should not be required to carry both the analog and digital signals of broadcast stations during the digital transition or to carry more than a single stream of a broadcaster's multicast digital programming after the transition. In addition, NCTA discussed the voluntary carriage of digital broadcast signals by cable operators, including the agreement between representatives of public television and cable operators for carriage of public television stations' digital signals.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane B. Burstein

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